

# SPECIAL ELECTION REPORT NOTICE

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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### TEXAS

October 2, 2006

Congressional Districts 15, 21, 23, 25 and 28

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#### **IF ONLY THE SPECIAL GENERAL IS HELD (11/07/06), COMMITTEES MUST FILE:**

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REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD <sup>1</sup>	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DATE	FILING DATE
Pre-General	10/01/06 - 10/18/06	10/23/06	10/26/06
48-Hour Notices	10/19/06 - 11/04/06	----see reverse side----	
Post-General	10/19/06 - 11/27/06	12/07/06	12/07/06
Year-End	11/28/06 - 12/31/06	01/31/07	01/31/07

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#### **IF TWO ELECTIONS ARE HELD, COMMITTEES INVOLVED ONLY IN THE SPECIAL GENERAL (11/07/06) MUST FILE:**

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**NOTE:** The majority winner of the special election in each district is declared elected. In the event that no candidate achieves a majority vote in the Special General Election, the Secretary of State will then set the date for a Special Runoff Election that will include only the top two vote-getters. All runoff elections will be held on the same date. At that point, another notice will be sent to committees notifying them of the reporting dates for the Special Runoff Election.

Should a Special Runoff Election be held, committees involved in both elections will be required to file Pre-General, Pre-Runoff and Post-Runoff reports.

#### **ELECTRONIC FILING**

Committees that receive contributions or make expenditures in excess of \$50,000 in a calendar year, or that have reason to expect to do so, must submit their reports electronically. For additional information, review the enclosed handout entitled "Electronic Filing," call the FEC's Electronic Filing office at (800) 424-9530 or (202) 694-1642, and visit our web site at [www.fec.gov/elecfil/electron.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/elecfil/electron.shtml).

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<sup>1</sup>These dates indicate the beginning and the end of the reporting period. A reporting period always begins the day after the closing date of the last report filed. If the committee is new and has not previously filed a report, the first report must cover all activity that occurred before the committee registered.

**WHO MUST FILE**

Principal campaign committees of congressional candidates<sup>2</sup> (including unopposed candidates and candidates whose names do not appear on the ballot) who seek nomination in the special election must file the above reports and notices.<sup>3</sup> Committees must continue to file reports until the Commission notifies them in writing that their termination report has been accepted.

**METHOD OF FILING**

Reports sent by registered or certified mail must be postmarked by the mailing date (please note that a certificate of mailing is not an acceptable method). Committees should keep the mailing receipt with its postmark as proof of filing. If using overnight mail, the delivery service must receive the report by the mailing date. "Overnight mail" includes Priority or Express Mail having a delivery confirmation, or an overnight delivery service with an on-line tracking system and scheduled for next day delivery service. Reports filed by any other means must be received by the Commission by the filing date.

**48 HOUR NOTICES ON CONTRIBUTIONS**

Notices are required if the committee receives contributions **(including in-kind gifts or advances of goods or services; loans from the candidate or other non-bank sources; and guarantees or endorsements of bank loans to the candidate or committee)** of \$1,000 or more, during the period of October 19 through November 4, 2006. The notices must reach the appropriate federal filing office within 48 hours of the committee's receipt of the contribution(s). **Campaign committees that file electronically MUST submit their 48-hour notices electronically.** For more information, visit the FEC web site at [www.fec.gov/electfil/online.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/electfil/online.shtml). U.S. House candidates faxing 48-hour notices should transmit them to the FEC at (202) 219-0174.

**NOTE FOR FILING POST-ELECTION REPORT**

The reporting period for the Post-General Election Report (or Post-Runoff Election Report, if necessary) spans two election cycles. For this report only, committees should instead use the Post-Election Detailed Summary Page (FEC Form 3, Pages 5-8). Committees should not use the normal Detailed Summary Page.

**COMPLIANCE**

- Treasurers of political committees are responsible for both the timeliness and the accuracy of all reports. They may be subject to monetary penalties if reports are inaccurate or are not filed on time.
- Under the Administrative Fine Program, political committees and their treasurers who fail to file their reports (including 48-hour notices) on time may be subject to civil money penalties up to \$16,000 (or more for repeat late- and non-filers).<sup>4</sup> For additional information, see the enclosed handout entitled, "Administrative Fine Program," and visit the FEC web site at [www.fec.gov/af.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/af.shtml).
- In addition, political committees that file illegible reports or use non-FEC forms (except for FEC-approved, computer-generated forms) will be required to refile their reports.
- Electronic filers who instead file on paper or submit an electronic report (either by direct transmission or on 3.5" diskette) that does not pass the validation test will be considered non-filers and may be subject to enforcement actions (including administrative fines).

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<sup>2</sup>An individual becomes a candidate for Federal office (and thus triggers registration and reporting obligations) when his or her campaign exceeds \$5,000 in either contributions received or expenditures made. If the campaign has not exceeded the \$5,000 threshold, it is not required to file reports.

<sup>3</sup>If the campaign has more than one authorized committee, in addition to the principal campaign committee, the principal campaign committee must also file a consolidated report on Form 3Z.

<sup>4</sup>Penalties for late- and non-filing of 48-hour notices are based on the amount of contributions not timely disclosed. As a result, these penalties may exceed \$16,000, even for first-time violations.